

# PRIZE ESSAY.

The "Importance of Our Literary Society," Published by Request of W. E. Wells, Corresponding Secretary of the Hesperian Literary Society.

This subject may be of very little interest to many, yet if we maintain a literary and want others to join our society, it is necessary for us to adduce our reasons.

We come to school for the purpose of developing our minds—to gain by a systematic course of study that knowledge essential almost to our very existence. And if we gain this knowledge and do not gain the art of expressing it, it may as well be locked up in the treasury at Washington as in our heads. It is true, as Bacon says, that "Reading maketh a full man," but if he does not know how to express that learning, it will never make him anything else, and he will be about as much use to himself and mankind as a man made full by drinking whiskey. Some say that if you can not express your learning you can derive good from it yourself; but this is not altogether true, and it is, we shall man be so selfish as to devote every energy of his mind to his own interest and none to the welfare of those about him? We leave this question for you to answer yourselves.

Another reason that we should join the society is, it teaches us self-reliance; it gives us the full measure of our power; it gives us the moral backbone to express our sentiments fearlessly and boldly. What if the advocates of great reform had given way to the feelings that keep most men from the speaker's stand; would we to-day be enjoying our excellent system of civil government? No. In our American orators had remained passive because of these drawbacks we would be to-day far in the rear of civilization. But they did not allow the golden opportunity to pass; they led the people on, and their fearlessness in speaking had as much influence in moulding the destiny of this nation as did the cannon's surly roar, backed by military genius. He who uttered the words, "Give me liberty or give me death!" never followed the people and said "Go on," but he led the people and said "Come on." And so it is with our great leaders; they are almost without an exception good speakers. What is it that has made the British Lion respected wherever the sun shines? You may say it was the army of England; but it is this army backed and maintained by the invincible eloquence of such men as Gladstone. What is it that has made even kings bow to the man whom the Emperor of Germany called the terrible logic of Bismarck? It is the terrible logic of Bismarck, mounted in passing the laws there made. While the eloquence of our great leaders does not make them any wiser in statesmanship, yet it is the best method of expressing their sentiments. Some claim they could write their sentiments without speaking, yet they might shove the quill until they got baldheaded and not accomplish half as much as they would by speaking, for with how much greater force do words strike the hearer if they carry with them those strong emotions which elicit sympathy in the breast of mankind; for of how much greater force is an orator's speech than an author's words, when you can see the orator's soul beaming from his eye. How much more forcible the words "Union and liberty, now and forever, one and inseparable," sound when uttered by Webster than they read in cold print.

And again, we should join the society and learn to speak because in this land of free thought, where the people are sovereign and none are slaves, we are naturally required to know something of the art of speaking; if we have free thought let us learn how to freely express that thought.

But some say they can not speak before an audience, that they feel like they were sea-sick and can not get their mouths open. But what if you do make mistakes? Should a

few paltry blunders crush your efforts? No, they should not, and will not if you will it so. There is an old adage which says "Our life is made up of mistakes and corrections." There is truth in this saying and if we make mistakes the best thing for us to do is to try and correct them. As examples of men who have triumphed over mistakes we might mention Oliver Wendell Phillips and Demosthenes, but you will say they were exceptional cases. But how do you know that you have not some of that fiery eloquence of the Athenian orator or the powerful invective of Phillips? Of course we do not expect you to become a Demosthenes, but if he, as a stuttering lad, conquered the defect, surely you, who have no such impediment and have models in so many great orators, can at least become a speaker good enough to tell what you know. We think there are many who go down into oblivion, who could become great orators, because they fail to make the effort.

Some will say that most of these arguments do not apply to the gentler sex, but I think they do; for shall they, because they are of a more modest disposition, be a class who can not express their thoughts? Certainly not; it is of as much importance that they know how to speak and read as it is for anybody. They need a logical training as well as men, and speaking is the best way in existence of obtaining a logical mind. And in America we see that many of our great reformers, and more especially in the field of temperance, are ladies; and for these reasons we invite ladies as well as gentlemen to join our society.

And in conclusion I will say, let us make our society as interesting as possible, that others may join us and learn the art of telling what they know and knowing what they tell.

EDWARD R. McCORY.

## A Sudden Death

from heart disease is now quite common. Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" is a certain remedy. Chronic irritation, palpitation, excessive or defective action of the heart, shortness of breath, and pains are removed by it in a short period. It also cures all the diseases relating to the liver, stomach, bowels, blood and skin.

From the well known advertising house of George P. Rowell & Co., proprietors of the newspaper advertising bureau at 10 Spruce street, New York city, has been issued a small volume containing much and very important information for advertisers. The list of newspapers given contains only such periodicals as are on a sound footing, and have circulations running up into the thousands. The principal papers of the south, north, east and west are represented, and classified in a convenient way. It has been the aim of the publishers to sift the wheat from the chaff, and the book directs the attention of an advertiser toward papers which he should and ought to use, and tends to intercept a portion of that patronage which goes to publications which cost greatly in excess of any power to benefit which they possess. It takes the general ground, that the best is the cheapest. Prominent among the first journals mentioned is the Butler Times, the best advertising medium in Bates county.

Ninety days without food seem a long time, but Miss Mary Baker of Lafayette, Indiana, has just completed a fast of period. Morphine is injected into her limbs every four hours. Her fasting commenced with a relapse from a spell of sickness which she had about a year ago, from which she never fully recovered. She fell asleep and slept for five days and nights, since which time she has taken no nourishment or medicine. At irregular intervals she suffers intense agony, occasioned by spasmodic contractions of the muscles, sometimes of the hand, arm, neck, face, lower extremities, or perhaps the entire body, during which time she is unable to speak aloud. She has gradually wasted away to mere skin and bone. Miss Baker before her sickness was the belle of Monon Valley, and a most beautiful young lady, with great intellectual powers.

old pill boxes are spread over the land by the thousands after having been emptied by suffering humanity. What a mass of sickness, discomfort, and misery the poor stomach has to contend with. Two much strong medicine. Prickly Ash Bitters is rapidly and surely taking the place of all this class of drugs, and in curing all the ills arising from a disordered condition of the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels.

## Feloniously Assaulted His Wife.

C. T. Tracy, who resides at 1704 Oak street, quarreled with his wife last night over some little difficulty. Tracy threw a glass at her which struck her on the head and cut a deep gash. Officer Liggett, who resides next door, arrested Tracy and preferred a charge of felonious assault against him.—K. C. Star, Jan. 26.

## HOW'S THIS.

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that can not be cured by taking Hall's Catarrh cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Proprietors, Toledo, O.

P. S.—Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surface of the system.

Sold by all Druggists, 75 Cts. 10 im

Algernon—I should like very much to go for a drive with you, old chap; but I can't do it; I have to practice. Adolphus—Gwactions! You are not studying anything, are you? Algernon—No, dear boy; but I practice an hour a day trying to learn to keep my eye-glass in my eye.—Humbug.

First fisherman—What's the matter, old man, did you forget the lines and bait? Second fisherman—Confound my forgetfulness! Yes, first fisherman. You remembered the cards and flask, it's to be hoped. Second fisherman—Yes, first fisherman—O, well, I guess we can manage somehow.—Ad-Bits.

First dude—Aw, Charlie, have you two hawes for a one, don't you know? Second dude (taking out his portemonnaie)—Aw cawse, Fwed, first dude—Aw, I'm dewced glawd, don't you know. I'm the one, Charlie, and I'll be beholden to you faw the loan awv them, don't you know.—Washington Critic.

"Mr. Featherly," said Bobby, ignoring his mother's signal to keep still, "did you ever hear pa whistle?" "No, Bobby," laughed Featherly, "I never have had that pleasure." "Well, you will," went on Bobby. "He told me that he lent you \$5 last night and that he expected to whistle for it."—New York Sun.

"Yes," said the father of the boy, "I want my son to learn the butcher business, and if you will give him a job we won't say anything about wages for six months." "Do you think he is fitted for the business?" asked the butcher. "Fitted for the business? Why, just look at those hands. They don't weigh less than two pounds a piece."—N. Y. Sun.

"No, George," she said, "I cannot marry you. I shall always esteem you as a friend, but I cannot be your wife." George hesitated. "Clara," he said, brokenly, "will you grant me one favor before I go away forever?" "Yes, George," she replied, kindly. "What is it?" "Please put your refusal down on paper. I'll feel safer."—Harper's Bazar.

Artless little thing (proud of her linguistic acquirements): "I do hope you didn't catch what I was saying just now to Mrs. Simpson, Sig. Gaviati. We were talking scandal—in Italian. I had no idea you were so close. Could you hear?" Sig. Gaviati: "Yes, I could hear; but it is all a-right. I did not know you were speaking my language."

Professor—"That man across the street is a remarkable thoughtful-looking person. I should say he would be successful." Friend—"There is no doubt about it. What is his business, pray?" "O, he drives a dray, and is just thinking on a new plan for obstructing a street crossing or running over some children."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

## Active, Pushing and Reliable.

John G. Walker can always be relied upon to carry in stock the purest and best goods, and sustained the reputation of being active, pushing and reliable, by recommending articles with well established merit and such as are popular. Having the agency for the celebrated Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, colds and coughs, will sell it on positive guarantee. It will surely cure any and every affection of the throat, lungs, or chest, and in order to prove our claim, we ask you to call and get a Trial Bottle Free.

## MONEY TO LOAN AT SIX

Per Cent. interest, on long time with privilege of paying before due if desired. We do not send borrower's applications away for approval, but decide on them here without delay, and furnish the money at once. We have a large amount of money on hand to be loaned on land. Parties wishing to borrow please call and get our terms. We can furnish the money at once.

The WALTON & TUCKER Land Mortgage Co., Butler, Mo.

"The ladies especially go into ecstasies over Parker's Hair Balm," writes Mr. J. H. Decker, druggist, at Findlay, Ohio. "They say it is the most elegant dressing they ever used." Stops falling hair, restores color, promotes growth. 8 at

## Perfect Hair

Indicates a natural and healthy condition of the scalp, and of the glands through which nourishment is obtained. When, in consequence of age and disease, the hair becomes weak, thin, and gray, Ayer's Hair Vigor will strengthen it, restore its original color, promote its rapid and vigorous growth, and impart to it the lustre and freshness of youth.

I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for a long time, and am convinced of its value. When I was 17 years of age my hair began to turn gray. I commenced using the Vigor, and was surprised at the good effects it produced. It not only restored the color to my hair, but so stimulated its growth that I have now more hair than ever before.—J. W. Edwards, Coldwater, Miss.

## Ayer's Hair Vigor,

Sold by all Druggists and Perfumers.

If you are suffering from debility and loss of appetite; if your stomach is out of order, or your mind confused; take Ayer's Sarsaparilla. This medicine will restore physical force and elasticity to the system, more surely and speedily than any tonic yet discovered.

For six months I suffered from liver and stomach troubles. My food did not nourish me, and I became weak and very much emaciated. I took six bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and was cured.—Julius M. Palmer, Springfield, Mass.

## Ayer's Sarsaparilla,

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by Druggists. Price \$1; six bottles, \$5.

## Volina Cordial

CURES DYSPEPSIA, INDIGESTION, WEAKNESS, CHILLS AND FEVERS, MALARIA, LIVER COMPLAINT, KIDNEY TROUBLES, NEURALGIA AND RHEUMATISM.

IT is invigorating and refreshing. IT gives NEW LIFE to the whole SYSTEM by Strengthening the Muscles, Tonicing the Nerves, and completely Digesting the Food.

## Volina Cordial

CONTAINS no hurtful or poisonous ingredients. It is composed of carefully selected Vegetables, and is a most valuable and refreshing tonic, making a Safe and Pleasant Remedy.

For Sale by all Druggists and Grocers. Price per bottle, 25 Cts. Full size, 50 Cts. and Full size, 1.00.

Volina Drug and Chemical Company, BUTLER, MO.

## GRAEFENBERG PILLS

For Headache, Biliousness, Liver Complaint, Indigestion, Mild but effective. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS.

## DRS. S. & D. DAVIESON

ST. LOUIS, MO.

## The Great Specialists,

Members of University College Hospital, London, England, M. D., New York and Glasgow, Scotland, and have treated thousands of cases of Syphilis, Gonorrhea, and all diseases resulting from self-abuse and kindred causes. Specialties: Gonorrhea and Syphilis, Primary, Secondary and Tertiary treated by new and infallible methods, by which patients are cured much more rapidly and with less expense. Free consultation. Examination of urine, \$5.00. Practical observation on Nervous Debility and Physical Exhaustion sent on receipt of one cent stamp. Address, Drs. S. & D. DAVIESON, 1727 Olive street, St. Louis, Mo.

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## TRASK'S

SELECTED SHORE

## MACKEREL

IN PAILS.

25 MACKEREL IN THIS PAIR. GUARANTEED TRASK'S SELECTED SHORE MACKEREL.

If your Grocer does not keep them send \$1.25, and we will send Pail by Express, prepaid, to the nearest Railroad Station.

## TRASK FISH CO.

SAINT LOUIS, MO.

## VALUABLE INFORMATION TO WEARERS OF Rubber Boots and Shoes

The appearance of goods made from old rubber with a small percentage of new, are the same as new goods. But the difference is the former soon cracks and is worthless. A person of common sense will willingly pay a little more and get goods made without old rubber or shoddy. This you can do by buying only where the AMERICAN RUBBER is prominently displayed on heels of all boots and shanks of all shoes.

A COMPLETE Line of these Superior GOODS CARRIED BY ANY MAKE WITHOUT EXTRA

J. M. McKIBBEN.

## Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue and authority of a transcript executed issued from the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Bates county, Missouri, returnable at the February term, 1887, of said court, to me directed in favor of J. F. Henkel and against Wm. A. Evans, I have levied and seized upon all the right, title, interest and claim of said defendant, of, in and to the following described real estate, in Bates county, Missouri, to-wit: Beginning at a point 50 feet north of the northwest corner of block No. 9, in Williams addition to the city of Butler, thence east 152 feet, thence north 155 feet, thence west 132 feet, thence south 155 feet, place of beginning, being part of the northwest quarter of northeast quarter of section 22, township 40, range 31, 1 will, on

Thursday, February 17, 1887,

between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the court house in the city of Butler, Bates county, Missouri, sell the same or so much thereof as may be required, at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution and costs.

G. G. GLAZEBROOK, Sheriff Bates Co.

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By virtue and authority of a special execution for costs issued from the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Bates county, Missouri, returnable at the February term, 1887, of said court, to me directed in favor of J. F. Henkel and against J. P. Hubble, I have levied and seized upon all the right, title, interest and claim of said defendant, of, in and to the following described real estate, in Bates county, Missouri, to-wit: Beginning at a point 50 feet north of the northwest corner of block No. 9, in Williams addition to the city of Butler, thence east 152 feet, thence north 155 feet, thence west 132 feet, thence south 155 feet, place of beginning, being part of the northwest quarter of northeast quarter of section 22, township 40, range 31, 1 will, on

Wednesday, February 23, 1887,

between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the court house in the city of Butler, Bates county, Missouri, sell the same or so much thereof as may be required, at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution and costs.

G. G. GLAZEBROOK, Sheriff Bates Co.

## Order of Publication.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss.

In the circuit court of said county, to the June term, 1887.

O. J. Goodwin, plaintiff,

vs.

Bessie E. Goodwin, defendant.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by his attorney before the undersigned clerk of the circuit court of Bates county, Mo., in vacation and files his petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that defendant, Bessie E. Goodwin, is not a resident of the state of Missouri.

Whereupon it is ordered by the clerk in vacation that said defendant be notified by publication that she is to appear in this court by petition and affidavit, stating among other things, that the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of the state of Missouri for the delinquent taxes of the years 1882 and 1883, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$2.30, together with interest, costs, commission and fees, upon the following described tract of land situated in Bates county, Missouri, to-wit: Lot one (1) of block two (2) of Christman & Condeses addition to the city of Butler, Mo., and that unless the said defendant do appear and answer to the said petition and affidavit, according to law, the same will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered according to the prayer of said petition, and also described real estate sold to satisfy the same.

And it is further ordered by the clerk aforesaid that a copy hereof be published in the Butler Times, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Butler, Bates county, Missouri, for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least four weeks before the first day of the next term of said court.

A true copy from the record.

Witness my hand and the seal of the circuit court of Bates county, this 5th day of January, 1887.

J. C. HAYES, Circuit Clerk.

## Public Notice

To lay out and establish a private road in Deer Creek township, Bates county, Mo., I hereby notify Isaac Van Meter, W. S. Van Meter, Lambert Investment Co., and A. L. Hamilton, and all others concerned, or their heirs, that on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1887, present a petition to the township board of Deer Creek township, Bates county, Missouri, petitioning them to lay out and establish a private road in said township, which said petition is in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

To the Honorable Township Board of Deer Creek Township, Bates county, Missouri: Your petitioners would respectfully represent and petition your honorable body: That he is a citizen and an inhabitant of Bates county, Missouri, and that he is the owner of the following described real estate lots and tracts of land, to-wit: All of lot one (1) of the east half of fractional section six (6), and the north half of the northeast quarter of section seven (7), all in township forty-two (42), range thirty-one (31), in Bates county, Missouri, and that he is now living on the same as his home, and that no public road or other public passes through or touches said described land, and that he has no outlet whatever from and to said premises; wherefore your petitioner prays your honorable body to locate and establish a private road from his said premises to connect with some public road of this state and county.

Your petitioner would further represent that the following described route is a good, safe and most convenient and practicable route from said premises, to-wit: Beginning eight rods east of the northwest corner of lot one (1) of the east half of fractional section six (6), township forty-two (42), range thirty-one (31), thence north to the county line between Cass and Bates counties, said road to be twenty feet wide, and a road running across land occupied by one W. S. Vanmeter and supposed to be the property of Isaac Van Meter, W. S. Van Meter, Lambert Investment Co. and A. L. Hamilton, or that they have some interest in the same.

Wherefore your petitioner further prays that said road be located and established on the above described route by your honorable body, and that you appoint three disinterested commissioners to view the premises and to mark out such road and assess the damages to the owners of the land through which said road passes, as by law required, for which your petitioner will in duty bound ever pray.

SAMUEL LAWSON.

A true copy from the record.

Witness my hand and the seal of the circuit court of Bates county, this 5th day of January, 1887.

J. C. HAYES, Circuit Clerk.

## Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue and authority of a special execution on mechanic's lien issued from the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Bates county, Missouri, returnable at the February term, 1887, of said court, to me directed in favor of the E. J. Lumber Company and against James H. Butler, I have levied and seized upon all the right, title, interest and claim of said defendant, of, in and to the following described real estate, in Bates county, Missouri, to-wit: Beginning at a point 50 feet north of the northwest corner of block No. 9, in Williams addition to the city of Butler, thence east 152 feet, thence north 155 feet, thence west 132 feet, thence south 155 feet, place of beginning, being part of the northwest quarter of northeast quarter of section 22, township 40, range 31, 1 will, on

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In the circuit court of Bates county, Missouri, in vacation, January 7th, 1887. The state of Missouri at the relation and to the use of S. Catron, ex-officio collector of the revenue of Bates county in the state of Missouri, plaintiff, vs. J. C. Hayes, defendant.

Civil action for delinquent taxes. Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by her attorneys, before the undersigned clerk of the circuit court of Bates county in the state of Missouri, in vacation, and files her petition and affidavit, stating among other things, that the above named defendant, J. C. Hayes, is a non-resident of the state of Missouri. Whereupon it is ordered by the clerk in vacation that said defendant be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced an action against him in this court by petition and affidavit, stating among other things, that the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of the state of Missouri for the delinquent taxes of the years 1882 and 1883, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$2.30, together with interest, costs, commission and fees, upon the following described tract of land situated in Bates county, Missouri, to-wit: Lot one (1) of block two (2) of Christman & Condeses addition to the city of Butler, Mo., and that unless the said defendant do appear and answer to the said petition and affidavit, according to law, the same will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered according to the prayer of said petition, and also described real estate sold to satisfy the same.

And it is further ordered by the clerk aforesaid that a copy hereof be published in the Butler Times, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Butler, Bates county, Missouri, for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least four weeks before the first day of the next term of said court.

A true copy from the record. Witness my hand as clerk aforesaid with the seal of said court hereunto affixed. Done at office in Butler on this 7th day of January, 1887.

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